# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

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REDUCTION IN MONTHLY RATE
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of subscribers of MTNL in Delhi and Mumbai separately during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government proposes to reduce the monthly rent of telephones of MTNL in order to increase the number of subscribers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The details in respect of MTNL in Delhi and Mumbai are as under.

| Subscribers as on | Delhi | Mumbai |
|---|---|---|
| 31.03.2002 | 21,99,007 | 25,46,200 |
| 31.03.2003 | 23,27,276 | 26,54,721 |
| 31.03.2004 | 21,72,744 | 26,61,742 |
| 31.01.2005 | 21,70,342 | 27,69,053 |

(b) No, Sir. There is no such proposal at present.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) The rentals are already very reasonable and competitive.